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MORE TROUBLE FOR RAINMEN'S RICHARDS

Suspended Halifax Rainmen guard Tyler Richards shields his face while being taken away by sheriffs at provincial court on Thursday afternoon. Richards, a 27-year-old from Halifax, is facing new charges, including drug trafficking. Story, page 6 **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

SMU report 'not enough' for everyone

Pro-rape chant.
Panel releases review, recommendations

Some students at Saint Mary's University are skeptical about the recommendations made in a report released Thursday, three months after a pro-rape frosh-week chant sparked national outrage.

Saint Mary's accounting student Kevin MacDonald said a recommended code of conduct was simply not enough.

"It's quite shameful, what happened," said MacDonald.

"It really hurt our reputation. I talked to a lot of friends trying to get jobs out West where people before this had not heard of Saint Mary's University, and now the only thing they've ever heard of Saint Mary's is this."

The pro-rape chant was captured on video during orien-

tation week in September, showing frosh leaders leading hundreds of first-year students in a chant promoting non-consensual sex with minors.

The lyrics spelled out the word young with lines like "Y is for your sister ... U is for underage, N is for no consent ... SMU boys we like them young."

On Thursday, a panel investigating the incident issued 20 recommendations in a 110-page report, submitted on Sunday. Suggestions included redesigning orientation week and creating a school-wide code of conduct.

"It's not enough," said first-year student Tanner Montag. "Giving people repercussions isn't going to make them not do it."

But for others, the panel's proposed code is a step in the right direction. "Rules are good," said Vimal Asnani, a fourth-year business student.

Quoted

"It brought a great deal of shame. It was so off side, it's just insane."

Kevin MacDonald, SMU student

"If it creates such a big deal throughout Canada and is giving the university a bad name, then I think rules should be implemented to prevent this from happening again."

He also said he believed the incident had an impact on the school's brand. "I still have my Huskies pride," said Asnani. "But it does dampen my feelings about it."

Finance student Moinul Islam said he saw the recommended code of conduct as sufficient. "It was a mistake and it's been corrected," he said.

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Eskasoni. Man charged with aggravated assault on six-week-old girl

Police have charged a 25-year-old man with aggravated assault after a six-week-old baby girl was treated for life-threatening injuries at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax.

The RCMP say its investigation began in November 2012 when Mi'kmaw Family and Children Services contacted them following a report from the IWK about a baby being severely injured.

"The injuries were life-threatening at the time," said Sgt. Loran Gavel of the Eskasoni RCMP.

Gavel said the baby was first taken to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital in Sydney, then airlifted to the IWK.

The child is now in the care of family services and living in Halifax, but still being treated for injuries that Gavel calls "long-lasting."

"Because of these injuries and because they required a lot of intervention by the doctors at the IWK, we had to make sure the child stabilized and had the reports from the doctors before laying charges," he said. "It took some time."

The accused was arrested Wednesday at his home in Eskasoni, and was released on conditions to appear in provincial court Jan. 21.

Police say they will not release the relationship between the 25-year-old and the victim to protect the child's identity.

Gavel said the injuries to the baby took place in Eskasoni.

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Gorba Bhandhari, president of Saint Mary's University Student Association, talks with school president Colin Dodds on Thursday during the report's release. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Rape chant prompts campus-wide changes

Moving forward.

St. Mary's panel offers 20 recommendations to combat sexualized violence

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Saint Mary's University has committed to creating a school-wide code of conduct in response to recommendations made by a panel launched in the wake of an orientation week chant glorifying underage rape.

Panel chair and Dalhousie University law professor Wayne MacKay said the frosh-week incident that led Saint Mary's president Colin Dodds to strike up the panel is not

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"Saint Mary's has a wonderful opportunity here to be a model for the rest of the country."

Wayne MacKay, chair of the Saint Mary's University president's council

an aberration but rather part of a greater social issue.

"The chant is not just much ado about nothing," said MacKay. "It has to do with larger cultural problems of gender inequality and sexualized violence," he added.

The incident in question took place in early September when frosh leaders led a mob of students in a pro-rape chant. A video was posted online and went viral, sparking outrage across the country and leading to the resignation of several Saint Mary's student council executives.

In all, the panel made 20

recommendations, including redesigning frosh week, developing a school alcohol policy and boosting the understanding of consent.

MacKay described the confusion around consent as one of the most worrisome of the panel's findings, saying it was misunderstood by "virtually everybody" with whom they spoke.

Dodds said he has embraced all of the report's recommendations.

"Changing a culture is not a simple task," he said. "(But) I think we do now have a road map to move

forward."

"Out of crisis you can have a great opportunity," added MacKay. "I think there is a real opportunity here for Saint Mary's to become ... a centre of excellence on dealing with issues of sexual violence."



St. Mary's panel chair Wayne MacKay JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Surplus to deficit: Province could be \$481.7M in the hole

New forecast. Finance minister blames pension liability, declining government revenue, but says N.S. is in good shape for the future

Nova Scotia's finances have dramatically sunk into the red as the Liberal government announced Thursday that an \$18.3 million surplus predicted by the former NDP government has turned into a \$481.7 million deficit.

The NDP forecast the slim surplus in the last fiscal update in August, shortly before former premier Darrell Dexter called October's provincial election.

In delivering her first quarterly update, Finance Minister Diana Whalen partly blamed the new deficit number for 2013-14 on a \$318 million unfunded liability in the public service pension plan, as well as a drop in government revenue.

Whalen said she added a

pension charge to this year's budget at the recommendation of auditor general Jacques Lapointe, which results in a one-time \$280-million hit to the bottom line.

Taking care of the unfunded pension liability now also helps the government in the future, she said.

"I think we are in better condition right away for next year," said Whalen.

Revenue from personal income taxes is down by \$71.7 million while HST revenue is \$30.2 million less than was predicted in the spring's \$9.5-billion budget, she said.

Overall revenue is down by a total of \$157.8 million from the budget forecast, while total expenses are forecast to be \$328.5 million higher.

Acting NDP Leader Maureen MacDonald said the Liberals inflated the budget to make the books look worse than they actually are, adding that it wasn't necessary to add the pension payment to the budget in one year.

But she also conceded that the province's finances are legitimately in deficit.

Tim Houston of the Progressive Conservatives expressed disappointment at the size of the deficit, saying the government needs a plan to balance the books and that everything the government spends money on should be reviewed.

"Look through the budgets line-by-line and see where we can find efficiencies," said Houston. "It's not going to be an easy job. There's going to be some tough decisions that will



Finance Minister Diana Whalen fields a question as she presents the Nova Scotia fiscal update in Halifax on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP



"I do accept that the revenue is down, that's clear, and that's based on information that comes in."

Acting NDP Leader Maureen MacDonald admits there is a government deficit, but feels the Liberals inflated the problem

have to be made."

Whalen said spending by government departments increased by \$85.6 million, although \$36.4 million of that figure is offset by funding received from Ottawa and municipalities. Another \$9.2 million cost was added to the budget to account for the government's support for a new ferry between Yarmouth and Maine.

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Reining in the deficit

Liberals look to reduce spending

Finance Minister Diana Whalen wouldn't speculate on whether program cuts are

coming in the spring budget, but she said the government will stick to its pledge to reduce departmental spending by one per cent, except for Health and Education.

"We'll be looking at all the tools we have at hand to try to rein in spending and to be fis-

cally conservative," she said.

As has been expected, Whalen confirmed that the government will repeal NDP legislation that would have started cutting the HST next year because it cannot afford the loss in revenue.

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Fatal crash. One man dead after head-on collision on Highway 101



Police at the scene of Thursday's fatal crash on Highway 101. HANTS JOURNAL

Police are investigating the cause of a serious head-on collision that has left one person dead and shut down a section of Highway 101 for several hours.

The accident happened Thursday around 10:40 a.m. between Exits 7 and 8 near Hantsport and involved a tractor trailer and a car.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Al LeBlanc said the 56-year-old man

driving the car was killed in the crash. He was the only person in the vehicle.

Police didn't release the victim's name Thursday due to notification of next of kin. The RCMP say he is from Kentville.

The driver of the tractor-trailer escaped injury, but was shaken up. The highway was shut down for about five hours as police investigated for a cause. **METRO**

Suspended Rainman in more trouble with law

Two charges, one week. Tyler Richards facing drugs, weapons charges after apartment search



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Tyler Richards, a suspended member of the Halifax Rainmen, is in trouble with the law again

Halifax police say two men, including Richards, are facing charges after officers allegedly

Dropping the ball

"I don't even have words. I'm really disappointed for sure. Tyler needs to get his life together."

Andre Levingston
Halifax Rainmen owner

found drugs and a loaded handgun during the search of an apartment in the city on Wednesday night.

The search happened at 10:15 p.m. in the 100 block of Connor Lane in Mulgrave Park. Police say officers found cocaine, marijuana, cash and the gun.

Richards, 27, and Marcus Demitries, 23, also of Halifax, are each charged with possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking and weapons-related offences.

"A large quantity of cocaine and marijuana was located on the premises, along with the loaded handgun," said police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages.

"We do believe these two individuals were trafficking at this location."

Bourdages said the search was conducted as part of an ongoing investigation. He would provide no other details.

Richards made a brief appearance in court on Thursday,



Suspended Halifax Rainmen guard Tyler Richards is facing new charges following a police search on Wednesday night.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

thing while in court, but winked and smiled at a couple of people.

This is the second time Richards has been charged by police in less than a week.

On Sunday, the second-year Rainmen player and former university basketball standout with the St. Francis Xavier X-Men was charged with assault after a woman claimed she was assaulted by a man at the Taboo nightclub early Sunday morning.

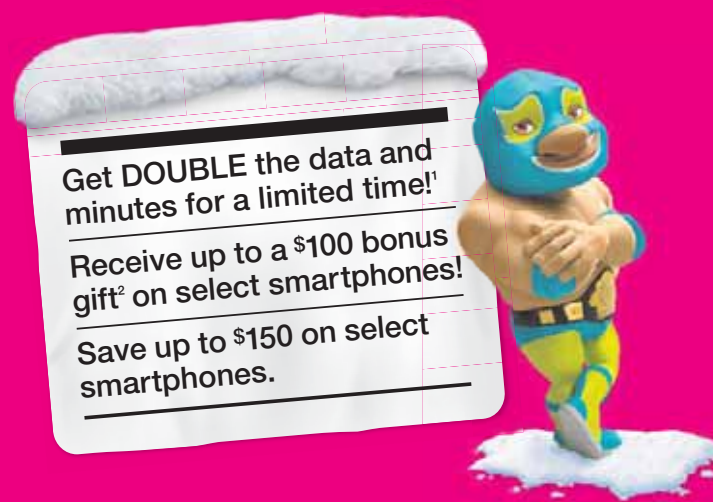
Three days later, the Rainmen announced they had suspended Richards pending the outcome of that court case.

"I'm just disappointed. I'm really, really disappointed," said team owner Andre Levingston in response to the new charges. "A guy who has worked as hard as he has to rebuild his image has now just thrown it all away."

Richards was sentenced to assault in 2010 after a fight in February 2009.

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Analysis and prevention

Data collection major point of concern

There's no consistency in the way data on pedestrian collisions is collected in HRM, which makes analysis and prevention a bit of a "dog's breakfast."

HRM's crosswalk committee focused on the issue of data collection Thursday after learning this month that pedestrian collisions in Halifax haven't previously been categorized for easy tracking.

Moreover, reports are gathered using a system in HRM that's distinct from other police forces

in the province, and also distinct from the province's system, making it nearly impossible to look at trends in statistics.

"There is a common data set but everybody has a piece of it in different places," said Dr. Ahsan Habib, director of the Dalhousie Transportation Laboratory (DalTRAC).

Halifax Regional Police

Sgt. Dave Reynolds said changes have been made in the way the local force is now reporting pedestrian incidents to improve tracking — but that's just one piece of the puzzle.

"Until ... all the systems mesh, it's going to be a bit of a dog's breakfast which makes data collection more difficult," he said.

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Crosswalk safety committee closing in on final report



Cars stop for pedestrians at a marked crosswalk near the Halifax Shopping Centre on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Just a few more steps. Recommendations could be ready for upcoming budget process

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"We're talking about a complete shift in attitude."

Coun. Barry Dalrymple



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HRM's crosswalk safety advisory committee is closing in on the final version of its comprehensive plan to address crosswalk safety — but that means implementation could take months or even longer.

The committee met Thursday to workshop specific action plans in the areas of enforcement, education, standards and traffic control.

Committee chair Coun. Barry Dalrymple said the goal is to create a plan that addresses crosswalk safety from every angle, and dispense with the piecemeal approach of the last 50 years.

"That's what's led us into 20 accidents here this December," he said. "We have said we would bring back a comprehensive plan and that's what we intend to do."

Among the ideas hashed out by the committee were intangibles such as education and awareness campaigns, and more tangible ideas that include the use of flags and reflective tape at crosswalks,

and improving crosswalk design.

If the plan isn't approved in time to be included in upcoming budget discussions, some of those could take a year or more to implement.

But Dalrymple said others — such as zebra stripes or flags — could be ready to go in months, pending council approval.

"I'll put up flags in my area, I'll pay for it out of my councillor funds, it won't cost the general taxpayer a penny," he said. "Zebra markings ... it's fairly expensive. But if council agrees to do that, you would see that this spring."

The committee will meet twice more in January to finalize its recommendations, which will go to the transportation standing committee and then council.

Dalrymple said the process may seem frustratingly slow, but it's worth taking the time.

"That whole share the road thing, that's what we're talking about," he said. "Unfortunately ... it's going to take a very wide and sweeping plan."

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Christmas Day

Residents of Halifax Regional Municipality are advised that there will be no municipal garbage, organics or recyclables collection services on Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25, 2013). Collection services for that day will be provided on **Saturday, December 28, 2013.**

New Year's Day

There will be no municipal garbage, organics or recyclables collection services on New Year's Day (Wednesday, January 1, 2014). Collection services for that day will be provided on **Saturday, January 4, 2014.**

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Seniors warned about 'grandkid' scam

Halifax police say they are getting more reports of seniors being contacted by fraudsters posing as a grandchild in distress.

A release from Halifax Regional Police states that the scammer claims to need money for an emer-

gency.

In a new twist, the scammer tells the senior they're sending a courier to collect the money, though there's no evidence the suspect knows where the victim lives.

Police are reminding citizens to be suspicious of any callers asking for money and to check the caller's legitimacy before sending or donating money for any reason.

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Shipbuilders say federal contracts above board

Response to critical report. CEOs say contracts can be done on time and budget

By the numbers

\$25B

The contract awarded to Irving Shipbuilding in Halifax to build new combat ships over the next two decades.

The chief executives of the two Canadian shipbuilders selected to build the federal government's next generation of ships are defending their ability to create the vessels on time and on budget.

Jim Irving, chief executive of Irving Shipbuilding Inc., and Kyle Washington, owner of Seaspan, issued a public letter on Thursday critical of a report issued last week by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Rideau Institute.

The report argued the shipbuilding deal gives the two companies a "blank cheque" for the decades-long \$105-billion program, including construction and lifetime refit for navy and coast guard ships.

The two shipyard executives respond in their open letter that if they fail to deliver the ships within agreed budgets and deadlines, the deals allow the federal government to use other shipbuilders.

Their letter also says detailed quotes for each ship's construction are sent to the federal government, which then has a third party ensure they are accurate.

The CEOs say Seaspan is investing \$200 million and Irving Shipbuilding is spending \$300 million to revive a world-class shipbuilding industry that will provide Canadians with jobs and expertise. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Epilepsy drug offers promise in AIDS fight

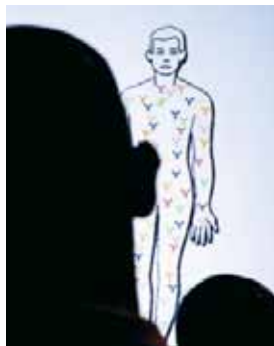
'Works beautifully' in human tissue.

Scientists believe it could prevent HIV from attacking the immune system

Can an experimental drug developed to treat epilepsy block the AIDS virus? A preliminary lab study suggests it's possible, and researchers are eager to try it in people.

Scientists experimented with the drug after uncovering details of how they believe HIV cripples the immune system to bring on AIDS.

When tested in human tissues in the laboratory, the drug



A presentation at the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington in July. CAROLYN KESTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"works beautifully" to prevent HIV from destroying key cells of the immune system, said

Dr. Warner Greene of the Gladstone Institutes in San Francisco. Those results appear in a paper by Greene and others published Thursday on Nature.

Researchers have long known HIV infects some vital CD4 cells in the immune system and turns them into virus-producing factories, killing them in the process.

The epilepsy drug, which is not on the market, blocks an enzyme that the research identified as playing a key role in that immune system attack.

Prior studies of the drug in people show it is safe, Greene said. So the researchers are talking to the drug company about testing it in people infected with HIV. No timeline for such studies has been set, he said.

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Love between a rock and a hard place

A couple shares a tender moment in front of a poster of jailed Ukrainian former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko during a rally in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich has been facing massive protests over his decision to spike a pact with the EU in favour of Russia. A \$15-billion bailout from Moscow, says Russian President Vladimir Putin, was aimed at helping a partner in difficulties. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cairo activists busted, Mubarak sons acquitted

Egypt's military-backed authorities on Thursday stepped up their crackdown on liberal icons of the 2011 uprising against Hosni Mubarak, with security forces storming the headquarters of a rights group to arrest six activists, including a prominent youth organizer.

Hours after the early morning raid in downtown Cairo, a criminal court acquitted Hosni Mubarak's two sons and his

last prime minister of corruption charges in a case involving a land sale some 20 years ago. The sons remain in detention on other corruption charges.

Five of the activists were released after nearly seven hours. One of them, lawyer Mahmoud Bilal, described in a news conference how plainclothes policemen blindfolded, beat and verbally abused them after binding their hands.

The raid and the acquittal of Mubarak's sons and Ahmed Shafiq will likely fuel growing suspicions that the government installed by the military after ousting Islamist President Mohammed Morsi is ready to accommodate Mubarak-era figures while facing near-daily street protests from Morsi supporters and growing dissent by liberal and secular youth groups. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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A woman stands bandaged and wearing a blanket given by emergency services following an incident at the Apollo Theatre on London's Shaftesbury Avenue on Thursday during a performance. JOEL RYAN, INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dozens injured in theatre collapse

London. An evening performance turned into a disaster as ceiling came crashing down onto audience

Plaster and dust rained down on a packed audience when the ceiling of a London, England, theatre partially collapsed

Thursday night. More than 75 people were injured — seven seriously, authorities said.

The collapse at the Apollo Theatre took place around 8:15 p.m. during a performance of *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time*.

Plaster and masonry from a section of the ceiling tumbled down, bringing parts of the theatre's balconies down with it onto the audience, police said.

More than 700 people were in the theatre at the time, said the London Fire Brigade.

Officials said most of the injured were "walking wounded" with upper-body injuries, and that all are conscious.

Police and fire officials said it was too soon to say what had caused the partial collapse of the ceiling, but that a full investigation is being carried out.

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Jury rules self-inflicted cell death a homicide

The videotaped choking death of a teenager in her segregation cell six years ago was a homicide, a jury decided on Thursday, sparking calls for police to reopen their criminal investigation into the tragedy.

The Ashley Smith inquest decision drew a gasp from a packed coroner's courtroom, which also heard jurors make 104 recommendations on dealing with self-harming, mentally ill women in federal prisons.

While the homicide decision is not a finding of legal liability, Smith's family lawyer immediately called for police to get involved, and lashed out at Correctional Service Canada.

"It is high time that those in charge are held accountable," Julian Falconer said.

Quoted

"What happened to Ashley should never have happened. The concoctions of her as being violent were false; they were concocted in a way to justify a punitive treatment of her."

Kim Pate, the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies



Ashley Smith's family lawyers Julian Falconer, left, and Julian Roy address the media outside of the coroner's court following the Ashley Smith inquest verdict in Toronto on Thursday. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"CSC, in my decades of work in this area, has proven they are an uncontrollable, unaccountable body. It is shameful."

Falconer called for the resignation of CSC Commissioner

Don Head, who had warned jurors against making recommendations that would be expensive to implement.

The emotionally disturbed Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., strangled herself in her cell at the Grand Valley Institution in Kitchener, Ont., on Oct. 19, 2007.

Guards, under orders from senior management against intervening as long as she was still breathing, waited too long to enter the cell and save her.

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Europe launches star-mapper satellite

'We want depth.' The mission's goal is like switching from two-dimensional movies to 3D, says ESA scientist

The European Space Agency launched its star-surveying satellite Gaia into space Thursday,

hoping to produce the most accurate three-dimensional map of the Milky Way and to better understand the evolution of our galaxy.

The satellite was lifted into space from French Guiana at 6:12 a.m. (4:12 a.m. EST) aboard a Russian-made Soyuz rocket, the agency said. Soon after the launch, Gaia unfurled its 10-meter circular sun shield — a cru-

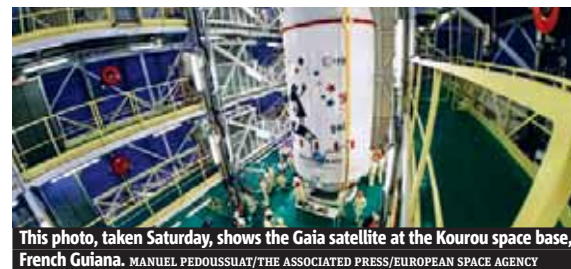
cial moment in the mission. The shield protects the spacecraft's sensitive instruments from the rays of the sun while simultaneously collecting solar energy to power the spacecraft.

"Everything was super smooth," said Paolo Ferri, head of mission operations at the Paris-based European Space Agency.

Gaia is now heading for

a stable orbit around a point known as Lagrange 2 — some 1.5 million kilometres away on the opposite side of the Earth from the sun. Once it gets there next month, the satellite's instruments will be switched on and it will follow what Ferri described as "a very peculiar pattern" designed to keep its back always turned to the sun.

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This photo, taken Saturday, shows the Gaia satellite at the Kourou space base, French Guiana. MANUEL PEDOUSSAT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

Cost-cutting. Military set to announce demise of \$2-billion truck order

The Canadian Army is cancelling a \$2-billion order for new armoured vehicles after another lengthy, troubled procurement went wrong.

Sources tell The Canadian Press that military officials are set to announce the cancellation of an order for 108 close-combat vehicles on Friday.

Bids by three defence contractors — Nexter, BAE Systems Inc. and General Dynamics Land Systems Inc. — had been set to expire this coming Monday, and the military has

decided not to pick a winner.

The program has been hanging in the balance for months after the army signalled it was worried whether it could afford to train, operate and maintain the new set of vehicles in a time of tight budgets.

Having yet another major military purchase go down the drain could be a political black eye for the Conservatives, who've struggled to deliver on an extensive list of military equipment.

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Breach of silence

Man who climbs tree and shouts charged

A Connecticut man named Noel who climbed a tree decorated with Christmas lights has been arrested.

The electricity for the lights was cut as police and firefighters responded around noon Wednesday after Noel Delgado climbed

the tree on the New Haven Green, a 16-acre park in downtown New Haven near Yale University.

Delgado had two banners in the tree. Police Lt. Jeff Hoffman tells the New Haven Register he shouted about various causes.

Officers talked with Delgado and persuaded him to climb down. Delgado has been charged with breach of peace. Police say he refused medical treatment.

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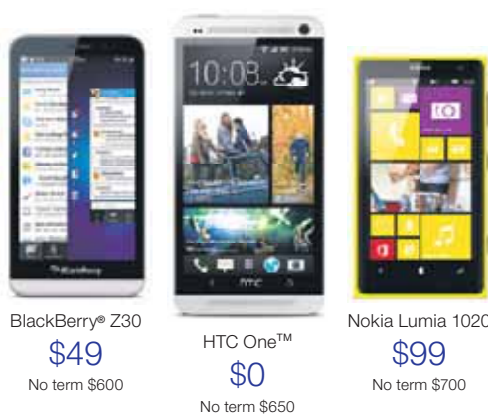
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Canada's largest charities

Funds raised by donations, special events (in millions)

- 1 Canadian Red Cross: \$287
- 2 World Vision: \$282.2
- 3 Canadian Cancer Society: \$188.4
- 4 Salvation Army: \$180.9
- 5 Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada: \$124
- 6 United Way Toronto: \$116.9
- 7 SickKids Foundation: \$110.1
- 8 Plan International: \$107.1
- 9 Aga Khan Foundation Canada: \$98
- 10 Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation: \$80.3

(Source: Charity Intelligence Canada)

Giving less than Americans

0.64%

The Fraser Institute's 2013 Generosity Index found Canadians donated 0.64 per cent of their aggregate incomes to charity in 2011, half the 1.33 per cent given by United States tax filers.

Social beings

- Social media is a novel platform for charities to spread the word and get noticed in a crowded market; the Movember fundraiser is a case in point. But a UBC-led study, The Nature of Slacktivism, found a Facebook "like" for a certain cause often translated to no donation at

all. Giving via text message is also highly convenient, especially for disaster relief appeals. CharityIntelligence.ca and CharityFocus.ca offer quick, easy ways to research charities' financial reports, before using portals like CanadaHelps.org and Chimp.net to contribute.

Women slightly more generous

4%

Women were four per cent more likely to donate money to charities than men. The 15-to-34 age group was less likely to give than baby boomers.



Quoted

"There is far more financial pressure on young people these days than there was historically and in terms of time being squeezed for volunteering."

Prof. Peter Elson, director of the Institute for Nonprofit Studies at Calgary's Mount Royal University

Who

- Canadians who attend a place of worship weekly are more inclined to donate and make larger donations. That's why religious organizations benefitted from \$4.26 billion in 2010 donations. The health sector (\$1.59 billion) and social services (\$1.16 billion) were next in popularity.
- Prof. Charles Weinberg of the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business said planned giving takes a backseat to impulse giving at this time of year. "It's the holiday season, you're in a good mood and what about, sadly, people that don't have enough food or kids that don't have toys?"

Total tax filers

24.8M

The number of tax filers in Canada, according to Statistics Canada: 24,841,630.

Dec. 31

- New Year's Eve is the deadline to donate for the 2013 tax year, but tax breaks were cited as the motivator by only 23 per cent in a 2012 Statistics Canada report on giving.
- Compassion for those in need (90 per cent), belief in a cause (86 per cent) and contributing to the community (80 per cent) were the top three reasons.

2019

- Canadian charities will be forced to adapt for future holiday seasons. By 2019, Canada Post will stop delivering mail door-to-door in urban areas.

It's one man's gig to give year-round

Spreading the joy.

Thousands of toys — up to 75,000 — will be donated to children this holiday season

BOB MACKIN
For Metro in Vancouver

Tonka trucks, hockey sticks, Barbie dolls, soccer balls and remote controlled mini-drones are stacked on shelves of a modest, three-storey Vancouver warehouse — the secret Santa central, if you will.

The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau, founded in 1930, helps 1,000 families directly and more than 40,000 children and youth around the region get toys, books and clothes for Christmas.

"It means a lot to me," said Angela Woods as she left the bureau's headquarters with Christmas surprises for her son. "If they didn't have this every year, I wouldn't know what to do. They're awesome up there, they are amazing."

It's the season for giving, and a recent Ipsos Reid poll found that 87 per cent of poll respondents said they enjoy feeling good about giving to charity. Only 13 per cent got the "bah, humbugs" over the thought of giving to a charity during the holidays. That means charities like the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau go from silent to crazy in a very short period.

"The bureau quietly chugs along, collecting toys, disbursing them to other bureaus and shelters, then we open for this three weeks," said executive director Chris Bayliss. "It goes from a quiet, boring, ugly warehouse on the East-side to often full of volunteers and people, full of fun for a



Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau executive director Chris Bayliss in the East Vancouver warehouse, among Okanagan apple bins used for sorting donations. BOB MACKIN/FOR METRO IN VANCOUVER

month."

The Christmas Bureau collects toys at big events throughout fall, from the Greater Vancouver Motorcycle Toy Run to the Vancouver Giants' Teddy Bear Toss to the Pan Pacific Christmas Wish Breakfast, which attracted 15 tonnes of donations on Dec. 11.

"The regional role is changing, as Metro Vancouver grows further afield we get more and more working poor," Bayliss says. "I was brought up my whole life to believe this, we're all two paycheques away from being broke."

In 2001, the Christmas Bureau gave 17,000 donated toys to needy homes. This year, Bayliss estimates some 50,000 to 75,000 toys and books, plus about 5,000 clothes and coats, will put smiles on children's

A good way to give

Transparency can aid charities

"Whether you're at the checkout counter, the Salvation Army kettles or when you get the mail, it's almost overwhelming how many 'asks' you get," said Charity Intelligence Canada managing director Kate Bahen.

Bahen's Toronto organization gauges transparency of non-profits and

publishes reports on the finances of 500 charities on its website. Bahen said Canadians deserve proof that their donations are spent wisely and make a difference.

"To whom much is given, much is expected," she said.

Charities must "more effectively report what did you do with the money, how did you spend it, who did you work with, what was the social impact?" Bahen said. "How did you help Canada?" **METRO**

faces.

Bayliss and a part-timer are employed year-round. A dozen workers join for three

to 10 weeks in the run-up to Christmas. He estimated volunteers worked 800 person hours on-site last December.

How

- Telemarketing is unpopular and door-to-door appeals have declined substantially. Weinberg says volunteer door-knockers are harder to find and residents may not be at home. If they are, they may not answer for fear of a scam. Supermarket checkout appeals and e-giving are among the alternatives.

Quoted

"Non-profit organizations have to be inventive, have to recognize that the way people part with their money is changing."

Prof. Charles Weinberg, of the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business

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Sometimes, good things come in small packages. Ethan, a Pee-Wee hockey player from St. Catharines, ON, has been collecting used hockey equipment since 2009 and distributing it to underprivileged hockey players throughout Ontario and around the world.

Julia and Emma
Oakville, ON

Goodness runs in their family. Teen sisters Julia and Emma from Oakville, ON made it their mission to collect books for remote "fly-in" communities in Northern Ontario. Their charity Books With No Bounds has collected and distributed over 27,000 books.

George
Oliver, BC

Wherever help is needed in Oliver, BC, you'll find George. He spends his life spreading goodness in so many ways, but what's really special is the time and effort he devotes to growing fresh vegetables for others. Last year, he donated 1800lbs of veggies to the food bank.

Coby
North York, ON

This story proves that you can always make time to spread goodness. Coby leads a busy life in North York, ON, but he regularly visits a long-term home for the elderly. Through the joy of music and song, he, and a group of volunteers from The House, bring smiles and a little human tenderness to the aged.

Sharon
Brandon, MB

One person can fill an entire community with goodness. Sharon, from Brandon, MB, is in her retirement years, but she still works 5 days a week at her local soup kitchen. There by 6 a.m. every morning, she tirelessly cooks hot meals for 125-150 people from all walks of life.



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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford walks by a statue of Santa as he leaves city hall on Dec. 13. Ford is offering husbands tips on what to get their wives for Christmas.
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Ho, ho, hold the presents?

'Tis the season to cash in. Mayor's gift-giving suggestions draw mix of sarcasm, amusement and irritation

Rob Ford's tips to husbands on what to buy their wives for Christmas earned him ridicule and some angry comments Thursday.

Speaking during his weekly appearance on a Washington radio show, Rob Ford said he planned to give his wife "just money."

"Women love money," the mayor said to the hosts of Sports Junkies on 106.7 The Fan. "You give them a couple of thousand bucks and they're happy." Ford added that while he planned to get his wife "some treats on the side," his big gift to her would be "a nice cheque."

"I get a basket and flowers and a little bit of this and that,

but at the end of the day she wants her cash," he said. "So I give her a nice cheque and we're all happy."

The mayor's latest comments drew a mix of sarcasm, amusement and irritation from online commenters.

"Rob Ford's understanding/respect for women is astounding," tweeted one woman.

"Dear Rob Ford, some women don't want money as gifts. I for instance, want a PlayStation 4."

"Buy your wife a gift," tweeted another.

Meanwhile, some poked fun at the mayor while referencing some of his other controversial statements.

"Rob Ford ... Christmas gifts are easy to give especially when I'm in a drunken stupor," tweeted one man.

"Women love money and men love crack. A heartwarming insight into Christmas at the Rob Ford household," tweeted another.

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Canadian news to become top priority

Cable and satellite companies will be required to give their consumers the option of subscribing to Sun News Network and every other Canadian news channel, starting next spring.

Thursday's announcement by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission sets a mid-

March deadline for cable and satellite companies to offer all Canadian news services either in bundles or a la carte.

"Canadian news services are an important part of our democracy," CRTC chair Jean-Pierre Blais said in a statement. "Canadians, as citizens, will have access to the news services that are of interest to them and will therefore have an opportunity to be exposed to a variety of opinions on matters of public concern."

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Road kill?

Flipped rig spills tons of hams

A truck overturned in metro Atlanta, spilling tons of ham onto an interstate ramp.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports the truck was hauling 40,000 pounds of hams Thursday around 4 a.m. when it overturned, spilling its cargo south of Atlanta.

Authorities were work-

ing early Thursday to clear the ramp from Old National Highway to Interstate 85 southbound after the crash.

The cab of the truck was destroyed in the crash, which also caused a diesel fuel spill.

Truck driver, Rigo Vargas, said he was hauling the hams to Texas when he wrecked. He said he banged his head against the door when the rig flipped over, but wasn't seriously hurt.

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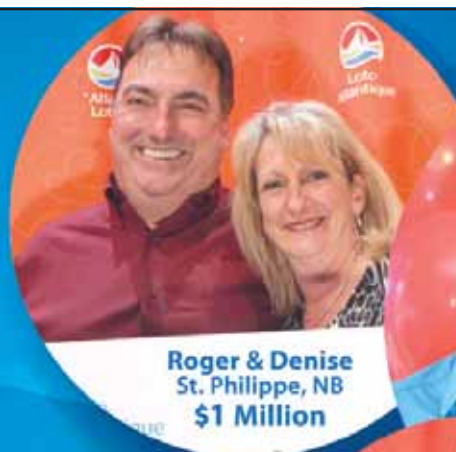
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Faux no to faux yes: Vegan leather, fake fur so hot right now

Faux is the new black. Pleasantly surprise the fashion plate on your gift list with something fake

Finding a knockoff version of the fur you want under the Christmas tree would ordinarily be a disappointment.

Not this year. Faux is the new black this season for holiday gifts. But this isn't the "pleather" of the 1980s — that cheap, plastic-looking material made popular by Michael Jackson during his Thriller days.

A \$198 fuzzy brown coat at Banana Republic has a prominently placed tag that reads "faux fur."

Dresses with "vegan leather" accents are flying off virtual shelves at shopbop.com.

And at luxury retailer Barney's, a Marni faux leather three-quarter sleeve jacket sells for \$1,900.

Faux is gaining popularity in part because there have been advances in technology enabling designers to make better-looking fakes. In a still-shaky economy that has made Americans more frugal, faux also can be seen as a good way to be trendy without breaking the bank. And a movement toward socially

shopping makes some people feel better about faux purchases.

It helps that some A-listers have given faux their seal of approval. Models have been seen on the runway wearing faux leather pieces in shows for big-name designers like Tom Ford and Rag & Bone. And actresses Anne Hathaway and Kate Hudson have strutted on the red carpet in faux leather and fur.

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Banana Republic's Fair Isle faux-fur neck warmer.

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\$6B proposal. Panel gives OK to Northern Gateway pipeline, with conditions

A review panel is recommending that the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline that would connect the Alberta oil sands to tankers on the B.C. coast go ahead.

But the panel has attached 209 conditions to the project.

The final decision rests with the federal government, which has roughly six months to respond to the report.

The controversial \$6-billion proposal has pitted Calgary-based Enbridge against environmental groups and several First Nations.

They have raised concerns about the possibility of an oil spill on land or off the coast of British Columbia.

Supporters say the line is critical if Alberta is to get its oil to emerging markets in Asia. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Danny Nunes holds a sign in support of the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project outside hearings for the project in Kitimaat Village, B.C., last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Take a bow, Canada

American happy we no longer get home mail delivery

The announced demise of home mail delivery in Canada has prompted a celebratory reaction from one U.S. lawmaker, who longs to see his own country adopt a similar reform to end residential postal service.

A Republican congressman "applauded" the move. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1 Twitter vending machines. Telus created a Twitter-enabled vending machine at the Pacific Centre Shopping Mall in Vancouver that rewards tweeting consumers with toy pandas as part of a partnership with the World Wildlife Fund. They're on to something, I hope. In the future, I'll be able to tweet a vending machine using a hashtag such as #bbqdoritos, and out that bag will come.

2 Instagram messaging. The social media photo site has introduced Instagram Direct, allowing you to message your buds photos and videos. Hmmm, isn't Snapchat for private messaging someone a photo or video? (Well, true, those disappear.) My wish is to someday be tweeting a Instagram photo via direct message on Snapchat using Facebook. That will simplify everything.

3 Beyoncé's social media blitz. Forgoing traditional media channels, Beyoncé released her latest album with a simple "Surprise!" to her more than eight million Instagram followers — and the full album appeared for sale on iTunes. It hit a record for albums sold on the site. Goes to show (again) that sometimes the best marketing is no marketing. Of course, it helps if you're a pop-culture icon.



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4 Arlene Dickinson. One of my fave stars of Dragons' Den has a new book out, All In, about balancing your personal and professional life when you're an entrepreneur. I fancy myself an entrepreneur, so I'll be reading it this Christmas morning when I receive it as a stocking stuffer from my wife. If she reads this.

5 Stuff on Scout's Head. Photos of pets on the Internet — particularly cats and dogs — do really, really well. The most famous is Grumpy Cat, discovered on news site Reddit. An up-and-coming contender perhaps is the Canadian version: Stuff on Scout's Head, which features a pit bull with stuff that his owner puts on his head — everything from a toque to a pie to a skateboard. I cannot explain the Internet.

6 Peterborough turkey. A picture of a turkey standing in a transit shelter next to a Canada Post box in Peterborough, Ont., went viral this week. The turkey had been stopping traffic recently on a major road. At least it's learning to take the bus now. So why else did this turkey pic catch on? "Turkeys — they are like kittens with beaks," one person tweeted.

7 Survivor brand. Tyson Apostol won the 27th edition of the TV show Survivor in a rather lacklustre season that ended with

the lowest rating for a Survivor finale ever. With the iconic reality show slumping in ratings in recent years, it may be time to reinvent the brand. Add more villains. Or have only villains. The world loves watching villains on TV. Or just let all competitors use social media.

8 Carl McCoid. This guy from Yorkshire, England, keeps getting tattoos of Miley Cyrus. He now has 22 different ones of her. This guy is a human wrecking ball with Miley Cyrus all over him.

9 Sorry, we're great. A CNN post titled 10 Things Canada Does Better Than Anywhere Else got a lot of attention this week with its list that included apologizing, lake and cottage country, stand-in movie locations, humour and more. Sorry, but the only thing they missed is beer. We make (and drink) better beer than anyone, eh?

10 Scarlett Johansson and cheese. Under the headline Scarlett Johansson Has Weird Feelings About Cheese, on NY Magazine, the actress was quoted as saying: "I don't eat it, but I love it... I like to smell cheese, I like to watch people enjoying it and I like to encourage people to eat cheeses I know taste really good. But I don't eat it anymore because my body just does better without it." Life doesn't get weirder or cheesier than that.



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Museum has a few bones to pick

For most people, fish bones may be just an annoyance at dinnertime.

But a new exhibition at the Canadian Museum of Nature, in Ottawa, could give viewers a broader perspective.

X-rays of Arctic Fishes, opening Jan. 11, features images that show "the spectacular osteological architecture of fishes," such as this X-ray of a boa dragonfish (pictured), says museum ichthyologist (fish scientist) Noel Alfonso.

Fish are considered to have the most complex bone

structures of all vertebrates. That makes osteology — the study of bones — more challenging with fish than with other animals possessing a spinal column.

As revealed in X-rays, the number of vertebrae can be used to differentiate one fish species from another, Alfonso said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Skin, bone and dinner

- An X-ray of a 14-centimetre-long boa dragonfish (not pictured), reveals a fish in its stomach. That makes this specimen a rare find, since "these things can often go for months without feeding," said Alfonso.

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If the dark mornings, cold evenings and slushy all-the-times have you taking your fitness routine inside, don't sweat it. Or rather do (but without the monotony of the exercise machine). From the makers of Guitar Hero, Goji Play is the latest 'gamercising' gimmick helping gamers get to the gym. Using two wireless controllers and a clip-on sensor, gym-goers can turn their treadmill into a gaming console while blasting away Christmas calories. As you ramp up the speed on the stepper, watch as your character gains power and speed — while keeping track of your sweaty stats (kilometres, calories, etc.). Here's a couple of games to get you started.

Fisticuffs:
Get in the ring with fighters including a drunken sailor, angry Viking and top-hat wearing bar keeper.

Shine Runner:
Cruise around the bayou in a fan boat

picking up moonshine, snake oil and crawdads as ammo to keep you in the game.

Super Moto X:
Race through a city of the future while jumping over obstacles, avoiding slow zones and steering clear of the 5-0.

Comments

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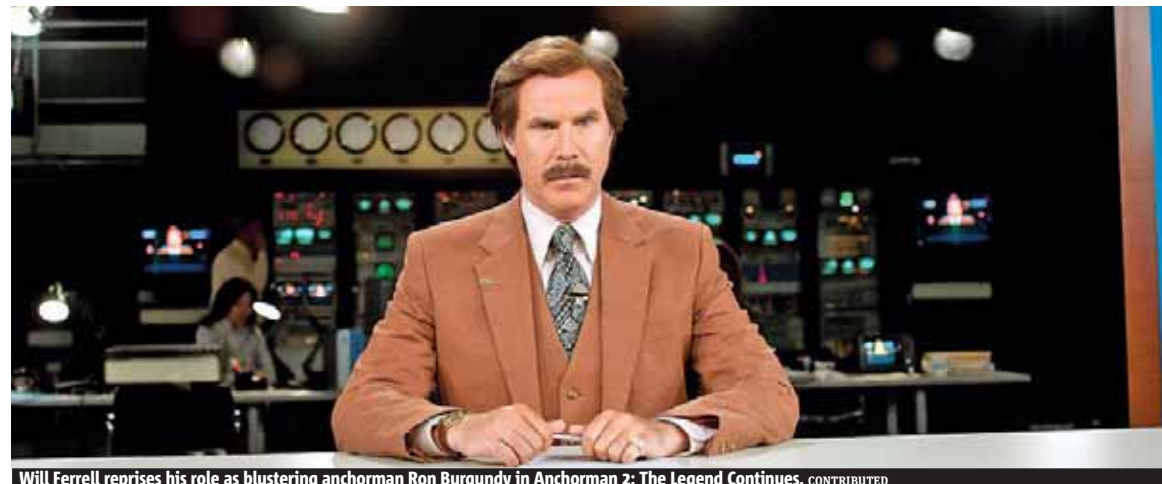
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Synopsis

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues opened this week bringing confident but thick news anchor Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell) back to the big screen after a nine year absence. The first film made catchphrases like, "I love scotch. Scotch, scotch, scotch," and the names Brick Tamland (Steve Carell), Brian Fantana (Paul Rudd) and Champion "Champ" Kind (David Koechner) household words. In celebration of the return of the team from San Diego's KVVN Channel 4 the Reel Guys have a look back at the career of funnyman Will Ferrell.

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Will Ferrell reprises his role as blustering anchorman Ron Burgundy in *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues*. CONTRIBUTED

Where there's a Will...

Funnyman Ferrell. In honour of the return of Ron Burgundy, the Reel Guys review their favourite Ferrell flicks

Richard: Mark, I think Will Ferrell is one of the bravest comedic actors working today; someone willing to do anything for a laugh. Trouble is, I often don't laugh. *Anchorman* is laugh-out-loud funny. Ditto *Elf* and *Old School*, but sometimes I feel he has to rein the manic energy in, do half as much and maybe be twice as funny. Having said that, the *Shark Week* jokes in *Step Brothers* really make me giggle.

Mark: Richard, I share your am-

bivalence toward Ferrell. He's not my go-to guy for funny. Still, he's done some great work. My favourite Will Ferrell movies are two indie films he's starred in: *Stranger Than Fiction* and *Everything Must Go*. They're the equivalent of Jim Carrey's work in *The Truman Show* and *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. Maybe not huge crowd pleasers, but they show the true breadth of his talent.

RC: I agree. I think *Stranger Than Fiction* is worth a rental. It's touching and funny, which for me is Ferrell's sweet spot. A *Night at the Roxbury* is a silly comedy but Ferrell's wide-eyed performance is the kind of thing I like from him. Outrageous, yes, but underneath the silly is a real guy. Sometimes I can't see the real guy under-

neath his characters and those are his movies that don't work for me. Except *Zoolander*. As fashion guru Mugatu he's so strange he dares you not to laugh at him.

MB: Yes, he's sometimes better in a supporting role in which his over-the-top zaniness doesn't sink the whole picture. Mugatu for sure, but also the mattress salesman in *The Internship* or Franz in *The Producers*. But generally, I find his man-child jock character wearying. Which is why, I think, *Anchorman* is such a successful movie. It's a Will Ferrell movie for people who don't care for Will Ferrell movies. Did you enjoy the sequel, Richard?

RC: I did. I think there is a lot of life left in Ron Burgundy. It's

funny in an outrageous way. It's a bit too long, (and don't bother sitting through to the post credit scene unless you find the sight of Steve Carell eating cookies hilarious) but the buffoonery level is high in a season where serious drama seems to be the ticket.

In the last couple of weeks I have seen Ferrell, in character, sit in on some local newscasts and he fit right in. As long as there is media, egomaniac announcers and local news, there will be a place for Ron Burgundy.

MB: Yes, but let's not forget he's supported by a stellar cast of comic actors: Paul Rudd, Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Vince Vaughn, Kristen Wiig. Even if Ferrell isn't your cup of tea, it's hard to believe this movie won't work.

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As a boy DiCaprio dreamed of working with Scorsese, and now they're co-conspirators

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Leonardo DiCaprio always wanted to be a Martin Scorsese actor. "I remember my father taking me to see one of his movies," the actor recalls. "He said, 'If you have the opportunity and a green light in this industry, there's one person you should work with.'"

It was the director of Mean Streets, Goodfellas, Raging Bull, After Hours.

And when DiCaprio became the biggest actor in the world, it wasn't too long before he was headlining Scorsese's Gangs of New York.

Their fifth film together — including The Departed and Shutter Island — was DiCaprio's idea. He read The Wolf of Wall Street, a tell-all memoir by unfathomably hedonistic broker Jordan

Belfort, and felt it would fit Scorsese's sensibilities, in addition to being sobering commentary.

"I thought [his book] was a reflection of everything that was wrong with today's society," he says, chuckling.

"Jordan gave into every carnal indulgence possible."

The film, written by Boardwalk Empire scribe Ter-

ence Winter, chronicles the many hedonistic exploits of Belfort, who rises from a nobody selling penny stocks by the thousands to schnooks to dominating the Financial District.

"He represents something within our very nature, something that is very wrong. You can point to those attributes to everything's going on in our world today," DiCaprio says. But he adds,

"He's not the problem. I quickly realized these weren't the fat cats that were destroying our economy. They were the street urchins. They were part of the underworld trying to create a little island and emulating Gordon Gekko," he explains, referencing Michael Douglas' slick-haired Wall Street villain (and, to some, an idol).

"They were trying to be the guys that were robbing our country of billions and billions of dollars."

DiCaprio spent time with Belfort, who he describes as reformed.

"He looks at this [period] as an isolated period in his life. He's been paying the price ever since, trying to pay his debt to everyone he ripped off."

Belfort even told him how to play high on 'ludes, for a lengthy sequence where he and the fellow broker played by Jonah Hill take too many drugs and find their bodies won't work. "He told me what quaaludes were like," he recalls. "I had him rolling around on the floor for me."

He also says he watched, on a loop, a YouTube clip called The World's Drunkest Man, in which someone tries to get a beer but his body won't let him.

As for reuniting again with Scorsese, he's predictably gushy, talking about a mantra he gave him: "As long as you portray these people for what they are, and you don't try to sugarcoat them or apologize for their actions or depict them in any way apart from what they are, audiences will go along with you."



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Animation/Family



Walking with Dinosaurs 3D

Directors. Barry Cook, Neil Nightingale

Stars. Charlie Rowe, Karl Urban

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This is a really odd movie. It looks like a high-end educational documentary you'd see on the History Channel, but anyone with more than a Grade 2 reading level will find the story slow and clichéd. The computer animated story of a herd of migrating dinosaurs and the dangers they face is beautiful looking but dragged down by terrible voice work. Imagine Jurassic Park without Jeff Goldblum or the fun and you get the idea.

RICHARD CROUSE

Biography Comedy



Saving Mr. Banks

Director. John Lee Hancock

Stars. Tom Hanks, Emma Thompson

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The story of Walt Disney's (Tom Hanks) efforts to convince author P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson) to sell the rights to Mary Poppins is actually two stories folded into one. The first is a Hollywood tale, the second a psychological drama told in flashbacks about Travers's troubled father (Colin Farrell). Fine performances abound but this is Thompson's movie. Her portrayal of Travers is nuanced, split between the cantankerous woman she became with echoes of the innocent young girl she once was. RICHARD CROUSE

Crime/Drama



American Hustle

Director. David O. Russell

Stars. Christian Bale, Amy Adams, Bradley Cooper

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American Hustle sees con artists Irving Rosenfeld (Christian Bale) and Sydney Prosser (Amy Adams) threatened with arrest unless they cooperate with ambitious FBI agent Richie DiMaso (Bradley Cooper). They help him run a complicated corruption investigation involving New Jersey mayor Carmen Polito (Jeremy Renner) but the sting gets out of control when the Mafia gets involved. Of the great ensemble cast Jennifer Lawrence really stands out in an entertainingly audacious movie.

RICHARD CROUSE

Say it ain't so, Shia. Star in hot water over 'blatant' theft of other artist's work

There may be legal ramifications for Shia LaBeouf after he acknowledged borrowing from another artist's work without giving proper credit.

LaBeouf debuted his short film, *Howard* on Cantour.com, online on Monday starring Jim Gaffigan. It examines the life of an anguished online film critic. That was also the story line of a 2007 graphic novella by artist Daniel Clowes titled *Justin M. Damiano*.

Clowes declined to comment directly, but according to his publisher, Fantagraphics' Eric Reynolds, Clowes "is exploring his legal options."

Reynolds said Wednesday he was "baffled" by the news of LaBeouf's project, which he and Clowes got wind of on Monday. "LaBeouf changed the name of the main character, but he used the comic as a direct script and storyboard," Reynolds said. "Clowes has a real melodramatic voice that is very idiosyncratic and LaBeouf just used the dialogue word for word. There is no ambiguity. There is no way that anybody wrote this but Dan Clowes. It just defies any kind of logic or



Shia LaBeouf. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

good sense. This was so blatant and inexcusable that it was as baffling as it was appalling."

LaBeouf's short began to circulate in 2012 at festivals like the Cannes Film Festival, but was just posted online officially

on Monday. Soon afterward, it was taken down, and LaBeouf took to Twitter to apologize for lifting ideas from Clowes' work and passing them off as his own.

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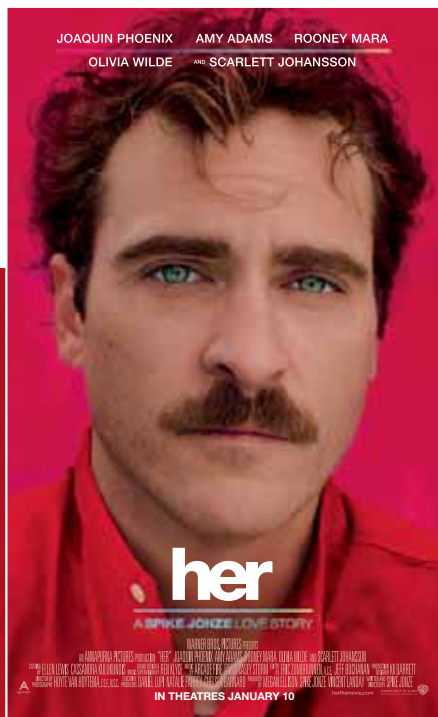
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Martin Scorsese. Out of the director's chair and into the question seat



Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio are co-producers on the *Wolf of Wall Street*. CONTRIBUTED

Martin Scorsese loves talking about other filmmaker's pictures, as witness are his numerous documentaries on cinema history. But occasionally he's up for talking about his own. His latest, *The Wolf of Wall Street*, is an even more hedonistic romp than *Goodfellas*, with arguably worse villains: brokers (led by Leonardo DiCaprio) who, from the '80s through the '90s, preyed on the dupes and made a fortune.

On how he's slow to come around to suggested projects:

"I read the script [of *Wolf of Wall Street*] many times. For me, when something is given to me by other people, I don't necessarily respond to it right away. *King of Comedy* — that was 10 years before I was able to come around to it. *Raging Bull* took six, seven years. I have to find my own way with it, I think."

On taking on risky projects (like this):

"The issue is: is it worth fighting that proves? Because it's all about fighting, unfortunately."

Changing business

- **Scorsese on the new Hollywood.** "I don't know who's calling the shots anymore. Seriously. The cinema we know and the cinema we took seriously when we were growing up, it's all changed now. Particularly in a marketplace like this ... Everything's about where the money is."

It's not about good people or bad people — it's about what [the execs] need, what they want to do, what could deliver for the market place. It might not be worth it at a certain time in your life."

On his despicable characters (in *Wolf*, that is):

"They're human beings. And we are not all one thing, are we? We're capable of many different things in different circumstances. ... I'm interested in people who are good who do bad things."

MATT PRIGGE/MWN

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Turning Negativity into musical positivity

Deer Tick's new album.

Front man channeled the frustration of his drug habit and the built-up anger over his father's jail sentence into something good

Singer John McCauley of the rock band Deer Tick figured out how to turn his pain into something positive.

McCauley used the Rhode Island-based band's latest album, *Negativity*, to unleash some of the frustrations and struggles he has had over the past couple of years into a polished and refined sound that mixes country, folk and rock.

His father was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to federal charges of conspiracy and tax fraud and McCauley was struggling with substance abuse. The album includes several references to McCauley's experiences, as painful as they were. "People take comfort in knowing either A, somebody is going through something similar to what they went through or B, somebody's got it worse off than they do," McCauley said during a recent interview. "I am guilty of both of those things when I listen to music."

Now he says he's cleaned up and feeling excited about the future. McCauley and singer Vanessa Carlton are



John McCauley performing with his band, Deer Tick, at the Newport Folk Festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

planning a wedding at the end of December, just before the band is scheduled to start a European tour.

The couple recorded a duet on the album, called *In Our Time*, which McCauley wrote about his own parents.

"We met through Patrick Hallahan, from *My Morning Jacket*. He introduced us after I went on Vanessa's Twitter and said, 'Hey, VC let's get a beer,'" McCauley said. "I had just figured out how to use Twitter so I was really proud of myself."

The band recorded the album with producer Steve

Berlin, from Los Lobos, who pushed the band to focus on instrumentation and added new layers to their songs without losing the rawness that the group is known for, McCauley said.

"This is the first record that we've put out where we actually rehearsed every single song on the record, so we're actually kind of proud of this one," McCauley said. "We go out on stage every night, just a little bit more aware of our surroundings and what our equipment does than we have in the past."

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Why Didn't You Put Up the Xmas Tree?/CCF Devastators

A Ramones-like decorating complaint from this Calgary group who claim that the video was directed by Tommy Douglas.



Let It Snow!/Captain Picard

What if you had the time to go through all the *Star Trek: TNG* episodes and piece together Jean-Luc in such a way that he appears to recite a Christmas song? Make it so.

Music

Beyoncé producer knew of release only minutes before

Beyoncé's new album was so secret, one of its producers only knew of its release 90 minutes before it dropped.

Beyoncé released her self-titled album in surprise form last week. Ryan Tedder produced the single XO, and

he learned about the release not long before it went public.

"I knew 90 minutes before it dropped. Ninety minutes. And I said nothing because I love Beyoncé and I don't want her to hate me," Tedder said in an interview Tuesday.

"I heard a rumour and then I didn't say anything," he said.

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Brad Pitt playing down his milestone birthday

While Brad Pitt has previously seemed at peace with turning 50 this week, his birthday plans — or lack thereof — suggest something else.

"He's not doing anything for it and he said he doesn't want any surprises," a source tells Us Weekly.

"He really doesn't want

to talk about his birthday much."

Of course, work is keeping him pretty busy, as Pitt is currently filming his Second World War drama, Fury, in London while Angelina Jolie is in Australia working on Unbroken.

Pitt will reportedly join her there this weekend, though, so there will be some sort of celebration of his milestone birthday.

"Brad said he's going to celebrate his birthday this weekend in Australia," the source says. "That's going to be the only thing he does."

Miley Cyrus' tongue a nervous tick

The truth behind Miley Cyrus' penchant for sticking out her tongue in photos is that she's actually just really nervous, she insists in an interview with Barbara Walters.

"I get embarrassed to take pictures. That's actually the truth," she says.

"I'm so embarrassed,

because people are taking pictures of me, and I just don't know how to — I don't know how to smile, and just be awkward, so I stick my tongue out, because I don't know what else to do."

Cyrus first made her trademark tongue pose as part of her Blurred Lines song with Robin Thicke.



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Last week was all about white wines for your holiday meal, so it's only right I suggest the right reds.

If you're convinced that only whites go with white meats, get over yourself. Reds can be an excellent match with poultry, especially when it's served old-school with plenty of savoury fixings and veg.

He may not look it, but Tom turkey doesn't carry a lot of fat, which means you're going to want to avoid any red that is tannin heavy. Tannins love fat, so your bird will get lambasted if it meets a big-boned red like a New World Cabernet Sauvignon or a hip, Italian Aglianico (choose them if you're doing roast beef).

Take the bright, fruity path. Think California Zinfandel, New Zealand Pinot Noir, a French Beaujolais Cru or, my fave, an Italian made with the Barbera grape. From Piemonte, Bersano's 2011 Costalunga Barbera d'Asti (\$11.95 - \$14.99) is a glass full of strawberry, cherry, light earth and subtle spice that makes merry with turkey and all its eclectic Christmas plate mates.

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A dash of sweet steals the Christmas spotlight

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This is a holiday entrée with a delicious fruit sauce instead of traditional gravy.

You can use this over any poultry such as Cornish hen or even turkey.

If you're using turkey, multiply the glaze and sauce by three.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Place chicken in roasting pan.

Ingredients

- 1 whole chicken
- Glaze**
- 1 tsp crushed garlic
- 1 tsp minced ginger root (or 1/4 tsp ground ginger)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup sweet dessert wine (plum wine, Mirin or sweet Sake)
- Pinch chili flakes
- 1 tbsp margarine, melted

2. Glaze: In bowl, mix garlic, ginger, honey, wine, chili flakes, margarine, coriander, salt and pepper to taste and stock; set half aside for sauce. Brush some of the remaining mixture over chicken. Bake for 60 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 160 F, basting with more honey mixture every 15 minutes.

3. Cut chicken into 4 quarters; place on serving dish and keep warm.

4. Sauce: Pour reserved honey mixture into small saucepan; stir in cornstarch, mixing well. Add chicken stock along with dates and apricots; cook over medium heat, stirring, for 2 minutes or until thickened. Pour over chicken. Remove skin before eating.

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How does a designer deck the halls?

Holiday decorating. In a season of traditions, there's still room to shake things up a bit

The holiday season is synonymous with tradition. But that doesn't mean you have to fill your home with the same holiday decorations in the same colour scheme every year.

"Until four years ago, I was Scrooge-y when it came to holiday decorating — a result of seeing the same old thing over and over again," says Brian Patrick Flynn, an interior designer from Los Angeles and executive producer of HGTV.com's *Holiday House*.

But after finding ways to

Don't hold back

"The holidays are a time for indulgence, and that always means colour to me. Commit to a colour scheme and go for broke!"

Jon Call of Mr. Call Designs

"reinvent the look and feel of Christmas for my own home," Flynn says he "rediscovered how much fun seasonal styling can be when you make it your own."

Move the tree, and change the palette

A Christmas tree doesn't have to stay parked in one place. Flynn recommends putting a small tree on wheels (maybe in a vintage metal wagon or an old metal washtub with casters on the bottom) so you can change its location when you're entertaining to create space or to bring extra holiday style to a different room.

Another option is ditching red and green tree decorations for an understated colour palette.

"This year I created a tone-on-tone tree using all shades of light grey," Flynn says. "To do this right, it's all about having a balance of texture, finish, shape, scale and proportion."

Try a white tree if you'll be using light colours and neutrals, or a green tree with decorations in earth tones.

To shake up your tree's

decorations, Jon Call of Mr. Call Designs suggests going with a theme.

"Last year for a client, I indulged in masses of vintage mercury-glass ornaments of all sizes and shapes. Silver was literally dripping off the tree. It was spectacular," he says. "This year we are changing it up a bit and creating a completely edible tree, including childhood favourites such as homemade popcorn balls, small sacks of chocolates tied with a ribbon and hung from the branches, and pungent gingerbread."

Or ditch the tree altogether

If you have minimal space, Call says you can skip the tree altogether without losing any holiday cheer. Instead, cluster together a bunch of white poinsettias. They set a holiday tone in a fresh way, he says, and in a large group look "almost like snowfall."

Or create your own "tree" out of branches: "In my kitchen, I love to fill a large galvanized pot with armfuls of branches full of red berries," Call says. "As the season progresses, I simply clip incoming

Mantelpiece mania

- "One of the most searched-for terms on HGTV.com is 'mantel decorating,'" Flynn says. For homes with a flat-panel TV mounted above the mantel, he has a high-tech idea: Burn images to DVD that co-ordinate with the accessories you lay out on your mantel, then let the DVD run during holiday entertaining.

- For one project, Flynn displayed colorful pop art images (including a reindeer by artist Jonathan Fenske) on the TV, and then put colorful items like candy in apothecary jars and brightly colored ornaments on the mantel "to make it all pop."

cards to the arrangement so that everyone can enjoy. It's become a tradition over the years, and everyone loves to come and check out my 'family tree.'"

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For a creative twist on a traditional Christmas tree, designer Brian Patrick Flynn uses a muted colour palette of white, cream, gray and tan for a look that's understated and elegant. BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN, HGTV.COM HOLIDAY HOUSE

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For the best stability, look for toboggans with a proper steering and brake system, such as what you would find in a traditional wooden sled. SHUTTERSTOCK

Have fun, but be careful on toboggan hills



JANE DOUCET
For Metro

There is nothing more fun and good for kids' health during the winter than taking part in outdoor physical play. In most parts of Canada, tobogganing down snowy slopes is one such popular activity.

Jennifer Russell, a child safety link health promo-

tion specialist with the IWK Health Centre in Halifax, offers the following guidelines for parents to ensure that their kids will toboggan safely this winter:

Buy a safe sled. For the best stability, look for models with a proper steering and brake system, such as what you would find in a traditional wooden sled.

"That means

plastic Crazy Carpets, Snow Racers and rubber inner tubes are out because they're difficult to steer or easy to tip," Russell said.

The sled should have a curved, protective panel at the front to stop kids from falling forward, especially if they bump into something.

Proper positioning is key. Make sure the child is sitting securely with feet first, not lying on their back or stomach.

"It's safest to have one child on the sled at a time, unless they're younger than five, in which case an adult should sit behind them," Russell said.

One adult should supervise at the top of the hill and another grown-up should be stationed at the bottom.

Helmets are for more than hockey. For premium protection, kids should always wear a hockey helmet.

"They're the best type of helmet to protect the head against hard surfaces like ice and

snow," Russell said.

Location, location, location. The safest spot for sledging is down the middle of the hill. "There should be a designated area on both sides of the hill for heading back up — that way, no one will be walking into the path of an oncoming sled," Russell said.





The holiday season is a busy time for engagements as people get imaginative and romantic with their proposals. ALTAFULLA/SHUTTERSTOCK

Creating that fairy tale touch to the holidays



**HEATHER
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For Metro

Four years ago, Craig Roy of It's All About You Event Planning learned that the rules of engagement begin with an imaginative marriage proposal.

A client decided to propose over the holidays and Roy and his special events team in Halifax suggested proposal options.

"The one that our client loved was going for a walk with their dogs and returning home to play outside in the snow," Roy

wrote in an email. "They built a snowman together, including the props — carrot, scarf, twigs and mittens. Once the snowman was built, our client dug out a piece of the snowman's belly and placed the open ring box in the hole for his girlfriend to find."

Although clients often bring their own ideas, Roy and other marriage proposal planners pitch ideas.

"We ask consultation questions of our clients to get to know them and their ideas," Roy wrote. "The type of proposal

really depends on their personality and who they are."

For Socrates Reppas of Marquis Jewellers in Toronto, the holiday season is a busy time of year.

"I have five engagement rings ready for pickup," he said. "They order custom diamond engagement rings from \$1,600 to

\$150,000 to propose over the holidays. A lot of them like to propose on New Year's Eve."

Reppas' face brightens as he recounts the marriage proposals of love-struck men who enter his store to

buy engagement rings. "They tell me what they're going to do when they buy the ring."

One man arranged to have his girlfriend drive by herself to his aunt's house in Niagara Falls. She arrived at sunset and turned into a long, tree-lined driveway lit up with Christmas tree lights. At the end of a driveway of about 100 metres, the path curved to reveal

the house decorated with a big sign that read, "Will You Marry Me?"

"Some clients want to go above and beyond for their fiancée," Roy wrote. "Some want the fairy tale story to tell their friends and family about how they got engaged."

Reppas believes there is much more to holiday proposals.

"They propose marriage over the holidays and on New Year's Eve to be romantic."





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Top draft pick looks to shine in debut

QMJHL. Fortier says he's ready to show Mooseheads he belongs



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Maxime Fortier hasn't gotten a good night's sleep all week.

Well, not since last Sunday when the 16-year-old forward received an invitation to suit up in his first QMJHL game with the Halifax Mooseheads this weekend.

"Well, I was sleeping fine but when I'd wake up I couldn't get back to sleep because I was so anxious and excited to play," said Fortier with a laugh.

The Herd's first pick in last June's draft (second round, 34th overall), the diminutive centreman has had a terrific year with the Quebec Midget AAA Hockey League's Lac St-Louis Lions, registering 24 goals and 17 assists in 29 games.

With the Mooseheads dealing with the loss of seven key players, Fortier has his opportunity. The speedy forward is looking to make an impression.

"It's going to be my first game in the Q so I don't really know what to expect but I'll be ready to get on the ice. I think



Halifax Mooseheads prospects Maxime Fortier, left, and Taylor Ford pose for a picture at the QMJHL draft in June.
ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

I can bring speed and maybe a couple of goals, I hope."

Fortier attended the Mooseheads pre-season camp and made a good impression on head coach Dominique Ducharme before departing camp prematurely with serious migraines.

But he was grateful for the opportunity and was content

to sharpen his skills in midget.

His stay will be a short one; he'll face the Moncton Wildcats on the road Friday, followed by a home game on Saturday.

Ducharme realizes that the Montreal native has a formidable task on his hands, making the jump to major junior, but his expectations for the youngster remain the same as any other player.

"We want him to make use of his qualities," said Ducharme. "He's got an offensive flair; he can make plays."

The Mooseheads, who are coming off two straight losses, will also have their hands full

as they head into the Christmas break without star forward Jonathan Drouin and No. 1 goalie Zach Fucale, who are representing Canada at the world juniors. They're also dealing with a host of injured veterans, including Matt Murphy and Andrew Ryan.

But with the challenge comes opportunity for players to rise to the occasion.

"Playing solid hockey without the puck is something everyone here can do; we can do better defensively," said Ducharme. "Offensively, we can execute better. There are guys missing who are tough to replace but it's not an excuse."

NBL Canada

Rainmen start trip with loss in London

The Halifax Rainmen are back in the loss column.

Seemingly bolstered by back-to-back weekend home wins, the Rainmen were handed a thorough 108-90 beating at the hands of the Lightning on Thursday night in London, Ont.

London took a commanding 57-38 lead at the half. The Rainmen battled and outscored the Lightning 28-20 in the fourth quarter but it was too little, too late for the visitors.

Garrett Williamson led the Lightning with 18 points. David Lawrence had 16 points for the Rainmen and Cheyne Gadson added 14.

Rainmen coach Craig Hodges, who admitted he's still in team-assessment mode, said his squad still has a way to go reach its peak.

"I'm just trying to get my guys to play hard and to see what their potential is individually and as a collective and right now we're struggling with the continuity in bringing it day to day and having 48 minutes of playing," said Hodges.

Earlier in the day, suspended Rainmen guard Tyler Richards, who is already facing charges in an alleged weekend assault, was in court facing drug and weapons charges.

But Hodges said that's no excuse for the team's sluggish performance.

"There's going to be distractions, but as professionals, we've got to be ready to play every night."

The Rainmen, who fall to 2-11, continue their road stint on Friday against the Windsor Express.

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"We expect Fortier to be working hard and competing. He's shown those qualities in midget and we expect that to continue."

Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme

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Guay wins training day

Seeking revenge on a course where changing weather robbed him of a victory a year ago, Canada's Erik Guay led World Cup downhill training on Thursday in Val Gardena, Italy. Guay was 0.22 seconds ahead of overall leader Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway in second, and 0.72 seconds in front of Vancouver's Manuel Osborne-Paradis, who was third after the runs on the Saslong course. FRANCIS BOMPARD/AGENCE ZOOM/GETTY IMAGES

Groenewoud set to come back in time for Sochi

Nagging knees.

Canadian skier goes under the knife after injury, ongoing pain

Canadian freestyle skier Roz Groenewoud underwent arthroscopic surgery this week to repair both of her knees, but is expected to recover in time for the Sochi Olympics.

The women's halfpipe star injured her left knee in training at last week's Dew Tour in Colorado. The 2011 world champion had the procedures done Tuesday and is expected to fully recover in four to six weeks.

"It wasn't my plan to have



Roz Groenewoud

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knee surgery this close to the Olympics," she said in a Canadian Freestyle Ski Association release. "But I can't wait to have two fully functional knees and ski without pain.

No one said this road to Sochi would be easy but luckily I like challenges."

The Feb. 7-23 Sochi Games begin in just over seven weeks. Groenewoud is expected to be a podium contender in women's halfpipe skiing, a discipline that will make its Olympic debut next year.

Given that Groenewoud has had nagging issues with her right knee as well, her team made the decision to scope both joints at the same time after consultation with an orthopedic surgeon.

"The menisci problems of both knees put her at risk for more severe injuries," said Dr. Mark Heard. "I'm very optimistic about a speedy recovery." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Coyotes Rostislav Klesla and Mike Smith try to clear Leafs forward David Clarkson from the front of the Phoenix net on Thursday night at Air Canada Centre. Toronto won 2-1 in a shootout. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Skies clear up for Leafs after beating Coyotes in shootout

NHL. Reimer stops 34 shots to help Toronto ease tension from recent struggles

Relief came in the form of James Reimer lifting his arms after making a shootout save on Antoine Vermette.

By beating the Phoenix Coyotes 2-1 in a shootout at Air Canada Centre on Thursday night, the Toronto Maple Leafs shook off the gloom and doom of recent struggles.

"It hasn't been a good feeling around here the past couple days," said winger Joffrey Lupul, who scored the shootout winner. "It's funny how even with an ugly, grind-it-out win like that, you come to the rink tomorrow feeling

On Thursday

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Maple Leafs

1

Coyotes

a lot better about yourselves."

The Leafs (18-16-3) can feel better about themselves beyond shootout goals by Lupul and James van Riemsdyk and a couple of stops in that competition from Reimer, who made 34 saves in regulation and overtime. Instead, this was a victory to savour for stronger play in regulation and the elimination of the kind of mistakes that led to 10 losses in their previous 13 games.

"I thought individually guys really limited our turnovers and the chances we gave up for them to try and get opportunities," said centre Peter Holland, who assisted on Troy Bodie's first-period goal. "It just goes to show that when we do execute what we plan on doing, things will fall into place for us."

Maybe it was about time.

Coach Randy Carlyle spent eight-plus hours at the rink Wednesday with the coaching staff on a day off for players devising what he hoped was a plan to turn the Leafs' fortunes around. Presented at the morning skate was a blueprint that included a harder forecheck and more aggressive defensive-zone play.

For the most part, the Leafs followed that against Phoenix (18-10-6). **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

NBA

Kobe out again for six weeks

Kobe Bryant is expected to miss about six weeks with an injured left knee.

The Lakers said Thursday that an MRI showed Bryant has a fracture of the lateral tibial plateau of his knee.

The team said Bryant had hyperextended the knee in Tuesday night's game at Memphis.

On Thursday afternoon, a tweet was posted on Bryant's official Twitter account that consisted solely of the hashtag "BrokenNotBeaten."

The injury is the latest setback for the Lakers star, who had only returned to the court on Dec. 8 after nearly eight months away because of a torn Achilles tendon. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Kobe Bryant GETTY IMAGES

NBA. Dennis Rodman undaunted by political turmoil in North Korea

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman arrived in North Korea on Thursday to meet leader Kim Jong-un and put the finishing touches on plans to bring 12 ex-NBA players to Pyongyang for a Jan. 8 exhibition game marking the leader's birthday. Rodman said the game is on track despite the recent execution of Kim's uncle in a dramatic political purge.

Rodman's visit comes less than a week after North Korea announced the execution of Jang Song Thaek, an unprecedented fall from grace for one of the most powerful figures in the country. Jang's execution sparked speculation by foreign analysts over the future of the Kim regime.

But officials in Pyongyang say Jang's removal has not caused any instability. Rodman's visit — should it proceed uneventfully — could be a sign that Kim is firmly in charge.

Rodman told The Associated Press in a brief interview at his Pyongyang hotel that he was undaunted by the recent political events.

"I can't control what they do with their government, I can't control what they say or how they do things here," he



Dennis Rodman GETTY IMAGES FILE

said. "I'm just trying to come here as a sports figure and try to hope I can open the door for a lot of people in the country."

Rodman and Kim have struck up an unlikely friendship since the Hall of Famer travelled to the secretive state for the first time in February with the Harlem Globetrotters for an HBO series produced by New York-based VICE television.

He remains the highest-profile American to meet Kim since the leader inherited power from his father, Kim Jong-il, in 2011.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	35	23	10	2	96	74	48
Tampa Bay	35	21	11	3	97	84	45
Montreal	37	21	13	3	92	81	45
Detroit	37	16	12	9	94	101	41
Toronto	37	18	16	3	101	106	39
Ottawa	37	14	17	6	103	122	34
Florida	36	14	17	5	85	112	33
Buffalo	35	9	23	3	63	100	21

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	37	26	10	1	117	80	53
Washington	34	18	13	3	107	102	39
Philadelphia	35	16	15	4	86	97	36
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
NY Rangers	35	16	17	2	79	95	34
New Jersey	35	14	15	6	83	87	34
Columbus	35	14	17	4	91	100	32
NY Islanders	35	9	19	7	85	121	25

Thursday's results

Toronto 2 Phoenix 1 (SO)

Pittsburgh 5 Minnesota 2

Buffalo 4 Boston 2

Philadelphia 5 Columbus 4

Detroit 3 Calgary 2 (OT)

Tampa Bay 4 Nashville 2

Florida 4 Ottawa 2

St. Louis 5 Montreal 1

Dallas 4 Vancouver 1

Edmonton at Colorado

San Jose at Los Angeles

Wednesday's results

New Jersey 5 Ottawa 2

Pittsburgh 4 NY Rangers 3 (SO)

Friday's games

All Times Eastern

Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.

NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

Calgary at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.

Phoenix at Ottawa, 2 p.m.

Colorado at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.

Montreal at Nashville, 7 p.m.

Anaheim at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.

Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	37	25	7	5	138	102	55
St. Louis	34	23	7	4	119	81	50
Colorado	33	22	10	1	96	78	45
Minnesota	37	20	12	5	86	88	45
Dallas	34	17	12	5	99	102	39
Nashville	35	16	16	3	80	99	35
Winnipeg	36	15	16	5	95	106	35

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	36	24	7	5	116	91	53
Los Angeles	35	23	8	4	97	68	50
San Jose	34	21	7	6	112	84	48
Vancouver	37	20	11	6	101	90	46
Phoenix	34	18	10	6	106	105	42
Calgary	35	13	16	6	88	111	32
Edmonton	36	11	22	3	93	123	25

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.

Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.

New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.

St. Louis at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's games

Minnesota at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

Winnipeg at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	19	30	49
Kane, Chi	20	26	46
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Kessel, Tor	17	15	32
Ryan, Ott	16	16	32

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	20	5	.800	—
d-Miami	19	6	.760	1
Atlanta	14	12	.538	6 1/2
d-Boston	12	15	.444	9
Detroit	13	14	.481	8
Charlotte	12	14	.462	8 1/2
Washington	11	13	.458	8 1/2
Toronto	9	14	.391	10
Cleveland	9	15	.375	10 1/2
Chicago	9	16	.360	11
Brooklyn	9	16	.360	11
New York	8	17	.320	12
Orlando	8	18	.308	12 1/2
Philadelphia	7	19	.269	13 1/2
Milwaukee	5	20	.200	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	21	4	.840	—
Portland	22	5	.815	—
d-San Antonio	20	5	.800	1
d-L.A. Clippers	18	9	.667	4
Houston	17	9	.654	4 1/2
Dallas	15	10	.600	6
Phoenix	14	10	.583	6 1/2
Denver	14	10	.583	6 1/2
Golden State	14	12	.538	7 1/2
Minnesota	13	13	.500	8 1/2
L.A. Lakers	12	13	.480	9
New Orleans	11	13	.458	9 1/2
Memphis	10	15	.400	11
Sacramento	7	17	.292	13 1/2
Utah	7	21	.250	15 1/2

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Thursday's results

Oklahoma City 107 Chicago 95

San Antonio at Golden State

Friday's games

Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Houston at Indiana, 8 p.m.

Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Denver, 9 p.m.

Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's games

Boston at Indiana, 6 p.m.

Toronto at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.



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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

A clash of opposing viewpoints is likely at work today. Because you need to get along with both sides, you must stay neutral. The best approach is to treat it all as a bit of a joke.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you find yourself up against a tough opponent today, you should back off and live to fight another day. The planets warn this is a battle you cannot win. The only sensible course is to withdraw, for now.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You don't have to be nice to people because you want to spare their feelings. If there is something that needs to be said, give it to them straight.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You would be wise to be on your guard over the next 24 hours as the planets warn someone you work or do business with is being more than a little deceitful. Don't judge others by what they say, judge them by what they do.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

A moment's hesitation could cause you grief — at the very least you will kick yourself for not trusting your instincts. Don't listen to those who say you should be cautious. It may be good advice for them but it's not right for you.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Check facts today, especially those that a colleague says are OK and you don't have to worry about. If you give them the green light to proceed now, you may regret it later.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may be tempted to do something drastic today but the planets warn the results are as likely to be negative as positive. Why not just wait a while and let the current situation work itself out?

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Be careful what you say. You could easily go over the top and let slip something that causes trouble. It might also cost you financially if others get the impression that you can't hold your tongue.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You appear to be having second thoughts about a plan that previously you thought was the key to success. Maybe you are right to hesitate but you are going to have to make a choice and stick with it.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It would appear that in your haste to get ahead, you have overlooked some small but important detail. Identify your mistake, correct it, move on.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

A minor dispute could easily get out of hand today, especially if you insist that you are in the right and everyone else is wrong. You're not the only one who is stubborn, so a standoff is likely.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

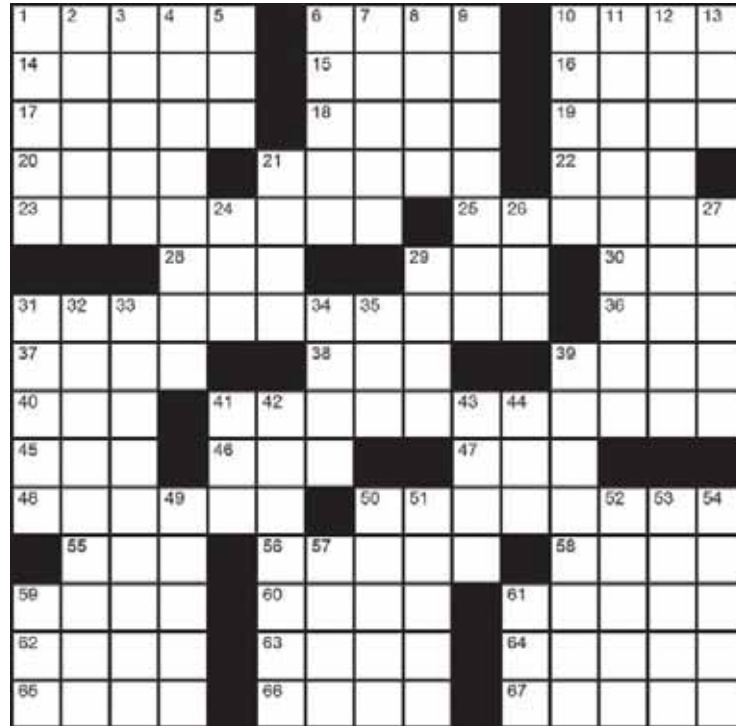
State your case today but don't get upset if others disagree and try to pick holes in your arguments. The world is a big enough place for all shades of opinion, so agree to disagree.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- December 21st, 1913: Invented by Arthur ___ of the New York World, the greatest game at #12-Down
- Season
- Inscribe
- Grease again
- Woodwind
- Q. "Is '___' way to abbreviate any coming-in plane?" A. "Yes."
- Nets
- Volcanic flow
- London lockup
- Weapon: French
- More kind
- Mr. Asner's
- Bag type
- Legal scholar
- Cousin ___
- Masc. opposite
- Defunct airline
- Canadian journalist on FOX News who was a MuchMusic host: 2 wds.
- Particle
- Ancient war god
- Granny: German
- Rope
- Anderson Cooper's station
- Will Ferrell's 'Anchorman': 2 wds.
- Ms. Carpenter, for short
- Alias, e.g.
- Nice one?
- Hockey's Conn ___ Trophy



- 1924... Simon & ___: Publishers of the first book of #12-Downs (Trivia! Richard L. Simon is the father of the singer/songwriter at #9-Down)
- Christmas ___
- Archaic anesthetic

- 'Slithy' Lewis Carroll creature
- Cuckoos
- Young farm animal
- Fine cottons
- Going ___ (Arguing): 2 wds.
- Turkey, chicken, etc.

- Fragrance
- Unchanged: 2 wds.
- Building extensions
- "You're still the one ___ good night..." (Shania Twain line)

- ___ havoc
- Long for
- Montreal-born actress Ms. Shearer (b.1902 - d.1983)
- What a bowling ball could knock over: 2 wds.
- Chicago trains
- ___ acid (Romaine

- lettuce stuff)
- Surprised, taken ___
- Zero, in tennis
- Bit of Carly Simon's "You're So Vain": "Then you flew your ___ up to Nova Scotia..."
- Gung-ho
- Custom
- Puzzle celebrating its 100th Anniversary!
- Mr. Holbrook
- International org.
- Gibraltar, e.g.
- Hmms...
- Actress Jessica
- Herr's wife
- Mr. Black's
- Christmas Tree decorations
- English king: name + Roman Numeral
- ___ fide
- Diplomatic bldg.
- Pool table prop: 2 wds.
- Hurray!
- American painter Georgia
- Industrial region of Germany
- Wilbebeest
- Quizzes
- Wrap
- Lockups
- Moviedom's Marisa
- Linda of "Dynasty"
- Respite
- Hammer
- US driving org.
- 23rd Greek letter

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	3	8	2	4	5	9	6	1
4	5	6	8	9	1	7	3	2
2	1	9	3	7	6	4	8	5
9	8	3	1	5	4	6	2	7
5	2	4	6	3	7	1	9	8
1	6	7	9	2	8	5	4	3
8	7	5	4	6	2	3	1	9
3	4	1	7	8	9	2	5	6
6	9	2	5	1	3	8	7	4

	3		6		7	1	5	
					9			7
5						9		6
	2		5			8	3	
				1				
	9	4			8		1	
4		7						3
9				2				
	5	2	9		3			6

Today

-2°/-3°

Flurries

70%

Saturday

0°/-3°

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80%

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